

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 105

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FITZWATER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

WHEREAS, the land that would become the state of Missouri was included in the Louisiana Purchase, in which the United States acquired 828,000 square miles of the Louisiana Territory from France for \$15 million dollars in 1803; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Territory, including the future Missouri, was explored by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark at the direction of President Thomas Jefferson from 1803 to 1806; and

WHEREAS, William Clark was appointed governor of the Missouri Territory in 1813; and

WHEREAS, Missouri attained statehood in 1821; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's statehood occurred at a pivotal time in United States history; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's admission to the Union was in doubt due to concerns in Congress about maintaining the balance of slave states and free states; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Compromise, one of the great pre-Civil War compromises in American history, allowed the admission of Missouri as a slave state and the simultaneous admission of Maine as a free state; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's history, beginning even before its statehood, is rich in colorful characters, adventure, bravery, and the embodiment of the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular Session, directed the State Historical Society of Missouri to develop plans, ideas, and proposals to commemorate and celebrate the Missouri bicentennial and ready itself to provide guidance and direction to a statewide effort to promote and celebrate the State of Missouri's rich and complex history; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the State Historical Society of Missouri has, through its Missouri 2021
32 branding, fulfilled this charge, reaching out to and working with Missouri communities,
33 organizations, and government agencies to develop a diverse array of projects and programs that
34 promote a better understanding of Missouri's communities, counties, and regions and its citizens'
35 shared investment in the future of the state; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, numerous statewide, non-profit organizations and government agencies
38 formed the Bicentennial Alliance to create and promote statewide projects commemorating the
39 Missouri bicentennial:

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41 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
42 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
43 concurring therein, hereby establish the Missouri Bicentennial Commission to advise and assist
44 the State Historical Society of Missouri and the Bicentennial Alliance in planning activities and
45 events that celebrate the 200th anniversary of Missouri's statehood on August 10, 2021; and

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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the commission shall be composed of the
48 Governor or his designee; the Secretary of State or his designee; the directors or their designees
49 of the Department of Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Division of
50 Tourism; the director or his designee of the State Historical Society of Missouri; four persons
51 appointed by the Governor; two persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
52 two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House; and such other members as the Governor
53 may from time to time appoint. The Governor shall designate two members of the Commission
54 as co-chairs; and

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56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
57 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
58 Governor and all those named to the commission.

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